Declassified in Part - Sanitized Copy Approved for Release @ 50-Yr2013/04/23 : CIA-RDP82-00047R000100010007-1 CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY INFORMATION REPORT COUNTRY Hungary DATE DISTR. 14 Apr 51 Air Force Chain of Command SUBJECT NO. OF PAGES 50X1 PLACE ACQUIRED NO. OF ENCLS. DATE ACQUIRED SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT NO. DATE OF INFORMATION THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION 50X1 The Commander in Chief and Chief of Staff in the Hungarian Ministry of Defense 50X1 are both Soviet air force officers; neither can speak Hungarian. They are Colonel fnu Kovacsovic and Colonel fnu Dimitrov, respectively. 50X1 the Defense Ministry building in 1948 was located on 50X1 Honvedutca in Budapest.) Colonel Kovacsovic 50X1 was selecting promising pilots for positions on his staff. He organized the Hungarian Air Force in May 1949. As the most 50X1 important man in Hungary he transmitted Soviet orders to President Matyas 50X1 Rakosi concerning all matters, including taxes, farm production and politics. 50X1 His chief of Staff, Colonel Dimitrov, is not a pilot. 50X1 50X1 His influence in Hungary is second only to that of Kovacsovic. Among other things he acted as technical adviser on construction, use and repair 50X1 of Soviet flying equipment. He was stout, pig-eyed, and be-medalled like a 50X1 Christmas tree. 50X1 50X1 The Hungarian Defense Ministry chain of command is as follows: Commander in Chief Chief of Staff Defense Minister: Commander-in-Chief, Air & Ground Forces Political Directorate, Defense Minister of Politics Commanding Officer, Air Force (Air Corps) CLASSIFICATION SECRET/US OFFICIALS ONL STATE NAVY DISTRIBUTION ARMY AIR

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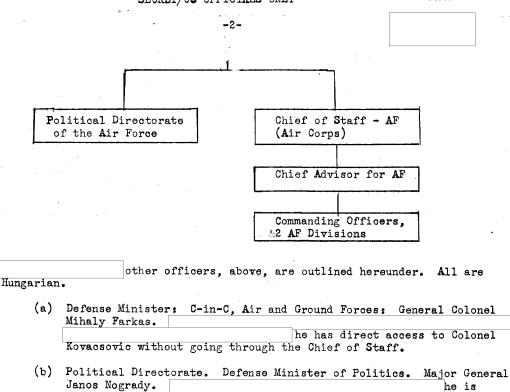
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(c) Commanding Officer, Air Force (Air Corps). Andras Zalka, rank unknown.

A PW in the USSR during World War II, during which he became an ardent Communist.

(d) Political Directorate of the Air Force. Colonel Karoly Vertes.

He is responsible for setting up political and propaganda courses in the Air Force as prescribed by General Nogrady's Directorate. His Hungarian speech

armed forces rank and file. He too has direct access to Colonel

officers were graduated every six months.

is low-class.

Kovacsovic. He has been Commanding Officer of the Petofi Political Officers Academy, Huvosvolgy-Budapest-Zugliget, where some 500 junior

responsible for inculcating communism in the

(e) Chief of Staff--AF (Air Corps). A Lieutenant Colonel, name unknown whose chief function was to inspect air bases. His current Deputy is Barna Horvath, rank unknown

(f) Chief Advisor for AF. Major Lajos Toth, the famous pursuit pilot.

he hates the Communists,
is watched closely by them, but is unmolested because of his hero
status. He was over-all instructor in formation flying progress of
which he regularly reported to higher headquarters.

(g) Commanding Officers, 2 AF Divisions. Both are Majors.

Major Istvan Mezofy.

a former Political
Officer.

4. Hungary now has six flying regiments, three in each of the two Air Force Divisions. During war time, however, a Division would consist of four regiments.

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